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**A Roman Catholic Parish
in the Diocese of San Diego**

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Mass Schedule

Saturday at 5:00pm
Sunday at 8:30am and 10:30am
Monday-Friday at 8:15am

Eucharistic Adoration

Monday-Friday, 6:30am-7:30pm

Reconciliation (Confession)

Saturday, 4:00-4:30pm

Rev. Michael Ratajczak, Pastor
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Join us for Lenten activities:

Tuesday, March 25
Virtual Holy Land Tour 9:00am

Friday, March 28
Lenten Fish Dinner 5:30pm
Stations of the Cross 7:00pm

**Third Sunday of Lent
March 23, 2014**

Pastor's Column

Rev. Michael Ratajczak
760-758-4100 x100
michaelr@stmoside.org

Woman at the Well

I share with you this prayer from an anonymous source which is based on today's Gospel:

O Jesus,
Image of the invisible God,
Word made flesh,
tired stranger,
waiting in the noonday lull
at Jacob's well.

Are we all
the woman with her waterjar,
bent on the chores of the moment,
angry memories in our bones,
our thirst for God,
hidden in the business of the day?

Do you meet us gently too,
hardly recognized,
quietly leading our thoughts
towards the deeper waters,
where our souls find rest?

Probing too,
uncovering secrets
we would rather forget.
"Lord, you have probed me,
You know when I sit and when I stand,
You know my thoughts from afar."

Is the woman,
sure and strong,
our reflection:
sure but unsure,

strong but so weak,
seeking but afraid to find
our Savior so close by?

O Jesus,
only faith can help us see.
Earthy, cautious eyes
miss treasure in the field
in water and the bread
in faces known too well.
Only faith can help us see.

"If you knew what God gives"
You tell the woman.
No cleverness knows
Or merit buys that gift.
Living water is your gift.
You alone show us what God gives.

Say to our hearts:
"Come to the waters."
Make us thirst again,
and ask, and seek, till we find.
How can we know
whose flesh and blood we are?
Or what it means to be born again?
Unless you help our unbelief

O Jesus,
Who led the woman to believe,
lead us.

F. Mike

Diocese of San Diego Annual Catholic Appeal
Our assessment: \$48,000
Pledges to date: \$28,474 from 196 families

Called to Serve

Annual Lenten Collection

This annual collection supports the works of Catholic Relief Services, the Church in Africa, and the Church in Latin America. Envelopes were attached to the bulletin recently for your consideration and may be returned any time during the month of March. Your prayers and support are appreciated!

Thank You!

The **food drive for Brother Benno's** was successful thanks to your generosity. We filled two trucks to the brim with food supplies plus over \$100 in cash donations. Thank you and God Bless You! —*Deacon Tom*

Lenten Reconciliation Services at Local Parishes

Date	Time	Parish
Mon, Mar. 24	7:00pm	Nativity, Rancho Santa Fe
Wed, Mar. 26	7:00pm	St. Patrick, Carlsbad
Mon, Mar. 31	7:00pm	St. Thomas More, Oceanside
Thu, Apr. 3	7:00pm	Mission San Luis Rey, Oceanside
Mon, Apr. 7	7:00pm	St. Mark, San Marcos
Tue, Apr. 8	7:00pm	St. John, Encinitas
Wed, Apr. 9	7:00pm	St. James-St. Leo, Solana Beach
Sat, Apr. 12	10:00am	Mission San Luis Rey, Oceanside
Mon, Apr. 14	6:30pm	St. Mark, San Marcos
Tue, Apr. 15	6:00pm	St. Peter, Fallbrook

An Invitation from Bishop Flores— Catholic Schools Survey

Bishop Flores has commissioned a special committee to study the organizational structures, policies, and financial stability of our Catholic elementary schools in the Diocese of San Diego. Part of this effort involves an online survey being conducted by the University of San Diego. Your voice is extremely important! Please share your thoughts, opinions, and suggestions through this confidential and independent process. To participate in the survey, visit <http://www.diocese-sdiego.org> and click on the Schools tab. Questions about the survey may be directed to Dr. John Franey at jfraney@sandiego.edu. In advance, thank you for your participation!

Got STM eNews?

We send out occasional emails with reminders/details about Parish events and other information. If you'd like to join the list, go to the Parish website, www.stmoside.org, click on Contact Us, then click on Join Our eNews List.

Our Mission is to:
worship God,
teach and live the Gospel of Jesus Christ,
and serve God's people in word and deed.

Welcome New Parishioners

Hicham & Leah Badri & Family
Jennifer Browne
Margo Cobian & Family
Bob & Martina Hila & Family

Congratulations to

Joe Buko
who celebrated his 75th birthday March 22.

In Memoriam



Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

Maria Olivier, who died on February 12. She will be buried in Manitoba, Canada. Please keep her family in your prayers.

George "Jay" Falkenstein, who died on March 5. His Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Thursday, March 27, at 11:00am at St. Thomas More. Please keep his family in your prayers.

Kathy Salter, who died on February 18. Her Memorial Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, April 12, at 11:00am at St. Thomas More. Please keep her husband, Charles, and her family in your prayers.

*May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*

Vocations

Think you may have a calling to the priesthood, diaconate, or religious life? The Lenten Season is an excellent time for prayer and quiet reflection. It is a time when we celebrate the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of our Lord. A time when we contemplate that which makes us Christian...Catholic. If you wish to explore a calling, contact Deacon Tom at thomasgoeltz@aol.com or 760-727-8442.

Pilgrimage to Turkey and Italy

I will be leading a pilgrimage to Turkey and Italy...October 6-17, 2014...We will visit Istanbul, Venice, Florence, Padua, Assisi, and Rome with a Papal Audience...\$3,599...Brochures are available at the Information Table on the Plaza after weekend Masses or in the Parish Office during the week.

—Fr. Mike Ratajczak

STM Vehicle Donation Program

Do you have a vehicle you want to donate?

The St. Thomas More program is easy!

Call us, and we'll have it picked up operational or not!

You get the tax deduction!

We can accept vehicles without current registration and can file for replacement title if it has been lost.

**As of March 18 we have netted \$49,202
from this program. Thank you donors!**



For more information, contact the Parish Office:
760-758-4100 x100 or parishoffice@stmoside.org

Readings for the Week Ahead

Sunday Year A; Weekday Year II
Readings online at www.usccb.org.

Sunday, March 23 (28)
Third Sunday of Lent
Exodus 17:3-7
Psalm 95:1-2,6-9
Romans 5:1-2,5-8
John 4:5-42

Monday, March 24 (237)
2 Kings 5:1-15b
Psalm 42:2-3;43:3-4
Luke 4:24-30

Tuesday, March 25 (545)
Annunciation of the Lord
Isaiah 7:10-14;8:10
Psalm 40:7-11
Hebrews 10:4-10
Luke 1:26-38

Wednesday, March 26 (239)
Deuteronomy 4:1,5-9
Psalm 147:12-13,15-16,19-20
Matthew 5:17-19

Thursday, March 27 (240)
Jeremiah 7:23-28
Psalm 95:1-2,6-9
Luke 11:14-23

Friday, March 28 (241)
Hosea 14:2-10
Psalm 81:6c-11b,14,17
Mark 12:28-34

Saturday, March 29 (242)
Hosea 6:1-6
Psalm 51:3-4,18-21b
Luke 18:9-14

Sunday, March 30 (31)
Fourth Sunday of Lent
1 Samuel 16:1b,6-7,10-13a
Psalm 23:1-6
Ephesians 5:8-14
John 9:1-41

Mass Intentions
Saturday, March 22, 5:00pm Elizabeth Harrison ☩
Sunday, March 23, 8:30am Alice Alfonso ☩
Sunday, March 23, 10:30am Herman & Helen Ratajczak ☩
Monday, March 24, 8:15am Joe Coccaro ☩
Tuesday, March 25, 8:15am Martha Buocher
Wednesday, March 26, 8:15am Carol Gilbert ☩
Thursday, March 27, 8:15am Paula Cepeda ☩
Friday, March 28, 8:15am J.C. Gonzalez ☩
Saturday, March 29, 5:00pm Danuta Wojciechowski ☩
Sunday, March 30, 8:30am Arelly Allbright ☩
Sunday, March 30, 10:30am Guy Headrick ☩

Prayer List

(Call 760-758-4100 x102 to add a name for four weeks.)

Changa Aguilera
Mary Alexander
Carrie Autrey
Jose Luis Barbosa
Patricia Barbour
Clarice Bednarz
John Bennici
Regina Bentz
Lisa Berg
Roseanne Berg
Mary Betz
Betty Jean Bielich
Wade Breier and his doctors
Beth Brewer
Janet Brown
Todd Brown
Mary Bruzas
Anita Buerger
Khlise Buford
Tony Calderone
Shelby Campbell
Brianna Campos
Claudia Caplinger
Aria Cappeluti
The Carey Family
The Cassidy Family
Marilyn Clarke
The Vaughn Clevenger Family
Dolly Cole
Carl & James Coleman
Elaine Collins
Carol Costa
Steven Cresencia
Lené Crowe
Karen Flaharty Daley
Beverly de Gelder
Hugo Delgado, Jr.
Carole Dillon
Edward Dolnik
Art & Dave Dossman
John Drazkowski, Jr.
La Vonne Dumas
Debbie Ebaugh
Carolyn Erickson Ey
Sharon Evans
The Falkenstein Family
Victoria Lopez Fenton
The Fiore Family
Ryan Flum
Ernie Follis
Eugene Franciscus
Kathryn Franklin
Joe Freire
The Greg French Family
Brian Frink
Jim Gallagher
The Joe Garcia Family
Kathy Gardner
Lois Garth
Jack & Marge Gillen
Wendy Gonzales' Dad
Rick Gonzalez
Pat & Tom Hannon
The Harker Family
Barbara Hatem
Skip Hayden
Heidi Heaton
Lilian Hills
Samara Hook
Susan Hori
Rick Hughes
Iolanda Iacobelli
Linda Iacobelli Bennett
Sue Johnston
Betty Karch
Laura Kater
Paul Kennedy
Connor Kerzie
Peggy Kiernan
Debbie Kinney
Mark Kneisel
Dewey Kolbo
Tony Korwin
Helen Kuhn
Lillian Lachance
The Lamelin Family
Brandon LeBlanc
Jeremiah Lemus
David Leué
The Paul Leué Family
Ashley Load
Cassandra & Lauren Loretto
Jack Lucarelli
Joaquin Maldonado
Paige Mansell
Alexander Mathews
Chandler May
Bob McWilliams
Joyce Meehan
Kalei Mendiola
Bill Metzger
Phyllis Minaya
June Mitchell
June Montgomery
Nancy Moore
Ryan Moquin
Elizabeth Muehlbacher
Conrad Murphy
Margie Myers
Richard Obsitnik
The Oey Family
The Olivier Family
Bernadette Padovan
Ethan Palm
Perry Postulka
Douglas Price-Williams
The Joe Prokop Family
Barbara Ramm
Mary Ratajczak
Rita Ratchie
Adela & Elena Rivera
Maria Rogers
Dorothy Rouse
The Russo Family
Rachel Sainc
Paul Salamunovich
The Salter Family
Cindy Sanelli
Linda Schmidt
Maria Sebiane
The Shaughnessy Family
Juliana Shaw
Joan Shea
Nick Soltau
Fred & Gilda Spiegl
Darek, Vanessa, & Elba Spizewski
Patricia St. Pierre
Pete Sullivan
David Sweet
Julie Teare
Tommy & Ginger Thompson
Sarah Tillinghast
William Tompson
Stephen Toth, Jr.
Olivia Trejo
The Trejo/Beltran Family
The Trejo/Maldonado/Uribe Family
Barbara Upson
Corrie & Robert Vasquez
Lucy Vienna
Vanessa Vitiello
Kevin Watson-Graff
Sue Welch
Paul West
John Whitton
Marceline Williams
Erin Young
Patricia Zavala
Martin Zschoche

Calendar Highlights

More details at www.stmoside.org,
Schedule and Calendar

Mar 23 Liturgy of the Word for
Children at 8:30am Mass

Mar 23 RE.A.CH Classes at Church

Mar 25 Virtual Tour of the Holy
Land with Fr. Karl

Mar 28 Knights of Columbus Fish
Dinner

Mar 28 Stations of the Cross

Mar 30 Liturgy of the Word for
Children at 8:30am and
10:30am Masses

Mar 31 Parish Lenten
Reconciliation Service

Apr 5-6 Women's Guild Bake

Apr 8 Day of Recollection

Apr 12-13 Palm Sunday of the Passion
of the Lord

Apr 17 Holy Thursday

Apr 18 Good Friday

Apr 19 Holy Saturday

Apr 20 Easter Sunday

May 3 Women's Guild Game Day

May 10 Women's Prayer Breakfast

May 16-18 Parish Campout in Valley
Center

Jun 13 STM Annual Gala

Jun 22 New Member Luncheon

Aug 24 Pastor's Dinner

Oct 10-12 Men's Retreat

Questions? Contact Henny at
760-758-4100 x100
hennyj@stmoside.org.

Pray for Women Religious

Please join us in praying for the women religious who serve in the Diocese of San Diego. They have been assigned to days of the year in alphabetical order.

March 24 Sr. Mary Alice Prieto, DCJ
March 25 Sr. Barbara Quinn, RSCJ
March 26 Sr. M. Krista Ramirez, RSM
March 27 Sr. Norma Alicia Reyes, HCJS
March 28 Sr. Celia Robledo, OLC
March 29 Sr. Virginia Rodee, RSCJ
March 30 Sr. Eva Lucia Rodriguez, SJS

Deployed Military

As a faith community let us pray for all who serve our country in these troubled times. We pray especially for those connected to our Parish who have been deployed:

Gunnery Sgt. Fernando Andrade, Jr.
1st Lt. Jeffrey Bauer, USMC
CPL Greg Bergman
PFC John Brandone
Maj. Tom Browne, Jr., USMC
Corp. Willie Deel
Chaplain Van Dinh
Lance Corp. Brandon Doyle, USMC
Capt. Branden M. Felker, USAF
Patrick G. Felker, USN
Grant Fischer
MSGT Steve Gallegos, USMC
Sgt. Alex Garcia
PFC Samuel Haro, US Army
PFC Cody Madere
Pvt. 2 Jess Phillips, US Army
Sr. Airman Robert Spear, USAF
Sgt. Charles Watts, USMC

Social Ministries/Outreach

Mission of Social Ministries/Outreach

The Mission of the St. Thomas More Social Justice Committee is to:

- † provide awareness and education of Catholic social justice teaching;
- † participate in creating a society with more just laws and social structures;
- † work with other faith groups on justice issues within social, economic, and political structures.

Social Justice Email “Hotline”

Do you ever wonder where you fit in the social justice picture? How do you respond as a Christian when a social justice issue arises?

Sign up to be on an email list to be informed about some of the issues the Parish Social Justice Committee is working on or be invited to participate in an event in North County.

Send your email address to: maureenb@stmoside.org

*You are not alone in your desire to follow
Jesus’ call for justice for all God’s children.*

Food Bank Contributions

Look for the blue barrels on the Plaza at weekend Masses to deposit your contributions for North County Community Services Food Bank in San Marcos. Thank you for your support! For more information, contact Ron Briseno at 760-758-4100 x100 or parishoffice@stmoside.org.

STM Archives Wants Your Material

The STM Historian is looking for material from Parish events and activities since our church was established in 1985. The kinds of material that are needed include: photographs, newspaper clippings, brochures, fliers, reports, videos, drawings—anything that represents our congregational memory! Please check your drawers, file cabinets, and that creepy ol’ box in the attic. You can drop off your donations at the Parish office. Thanks!

For more information and questions, please feel free to contact: Brandon at 760-845-5450 or brandon.oswald@gmail.com.

STM Scrip News

Thanks to all who support the Scrip program! A percentage of every Scrip gift card purchased benefits our Parish Mortgage/Building Completion Fund. Stop by the Scrip table on the plaza after weekend Masses or the Parish Office during the week to purchase/order Scrip or find out more about the program.

Remember, Scrip is available for purchase FOUR ways:

1. On the Plaza after weekend Masses
2. Monday-Friday during business hours in the Parish Office
3. Email at scrip@stmoside.org
4. Phone at 760-758-4100 x150

Orders may be picked up after Mass on the weekend or at the Parish Office during the week.

Marriage & Family Life

Bringing the Celebration Home: Daily Activities for Lent Countdown

—One of the best ways to keep your commitment for Lent is to write it down. This Lent, download our “Family Lenten Promise” cards, get your family together, and write out your Lenten Promise. Keep the cards on your refrigerator or table, and talk about how Lent is going over nightly dinner. Visit <http://enterundermyroof.blogspot.com> to download a copy.



Relationship Skills Workshop—Deacon Ralph and Peggy Skiano are presenting Relationship Skills Workshops every Tuesday night at 7:00pm at the Diocesan Pastoral Center, 3888 Paducah Drive, San Diego. Come and explore how to improve your relationships. You can attend one workshop, several, or all of them. The next workshop is March 25, and the topic is Speaking the Truth in Love. For more information call Deacon Ralph at 858-490-8292.

Bishops’ Letter on Marriage—The Vocation: “Become what you are! This might be a great exhortation to newly married couples, especially given the strong tendency nowadays to reduce the love of the marriage bond to only a feeling, perhaps the romantic love of courtship and honeymoon. When that feeling dries up, it may seem to them that they have nothing left and that they have failed. It is at these very times, however, that their vocation as spouses calls them to go further, to ‘become what they are,’ members of a marital communion defined by the unbreakable spousal love of Christ for his Church.” To read the document go to <http://www.usccb.org/loveandlife/>.

Marriage Moments—Don’t be a “male chauvinist bug.” The male Zeus bug deserves such a name. He rides on the female bug who feeds him and mates with him on demand. Marriage partners may not always be able to give equally, but strive to exceed expectations. This is not limited to the male species. by Susan Vogt, www.SusanVogt.net.

Parenting Pointers—Affirming your child for effort and accomplishments is good; but don’t mix your “Cs” (compliments with criticisms). “Honey, what a beautiful drawing you did. Next time try to be a little neater.” The criticism cancels out the compliment. by Susan Vogt, www.SusanVogt.net.

For more information, visit [www.diocese-sdiego.org/Ministries/Marriage and Family Life](http://www.diocese-sdiego.org/Ministries/Marriage%20and%20Family%20Life) or call Jen Frost at 858-692-7438.

Need Help with Transportation to Church!

Volunteer drivers are needed in our Parish. Some Parishioners would like to attend Mass and cannot drive themselves. Please prayerfully consider helping some of our fellow Parishioners. If you can help in any way with this service, please contact Ann Eriksson 760-599-7151 or eriksson1@mindspring.com.



Looking for Information on the Catholic Faith?

Are you interested in learning more about Catholicism, becoming a Catholic, or returning to the Catholic Church?

For information, call Kathleen Bell at 760-809-6526.

Parish Events

Attention Men!

Join us for the weekly *That Man is You!* Program, which meets Saturday mornings, 6:45-8:30am. The topic for next week is "Set Your Mind on Things Above." For more information, contact Deacon John Fredette at johnf@stmoside.org or 760-758-4100 x132.

Women's Guild News

Spring arrived this week and with it comes a flurry of activities. Not only are we looking forward to our Day of Recollection on April 8 (we hope you have registered by now), but in the near future we will be having our Spring Bake Sale—April 5-6. Those of you whose last name begins with A through H will be getting a phone call in a couple of weeks asking for your generosity in baking something for our table on the plaza. We ask your help once a year in making this a successful fundraiser for our permanent church, and you are always so good at filling our table; not to mention of course, providing some wonderful choices for everyone to buy. Bake your favorite recipe and watch how fast it is sold.

There will be a table on the patio on the weekends before the Day of Recollection for you to register, get more forms, or turn in your registration. We look forward to joining with our Parishioners, men and women, in making this Lenten season more meaningful, spiritually. Invite a friend or neighbor. It will be five hours well spent.

Blessings for a good Lent. —*Ann Buko, president*

The Knightly News

Friday nights during Lent (except Good Friday), the Knights of Columbus will serve their popular fish dinner, which includes baked cod, potatoes, vegetables, salad, coleslaw, and cornbread, 5:30-6:30pm. A delicious selection of sweets is available at Bob Wong's famous dessert bar. Cost is \$7 for one piece of fish, \$9 for two pieces, dessert extra. To make reservations for six or more, call Jim at 760-726-2807.

Knights, join us at the 8:30am Mass on Sunday, March 30, for Corporate Communion, followed by brunch at Nucci's.

As always, we greatly appreciate your participation. For more information about the Knights, please call Andy Frost at 858-245-6305.

Catholic Widows and Widowers of North County

CWWNC meets the second Sunday of each month for a general meeting and potluck at 2:00pm. On the fourth Sunday of each month, we gather for Mass at various Parishes in North County followed by lunch. Check the bulletin board on the lower level of the Parish Center for our calendar of events, including potlucks, dining out, hiking, and more! RSVP's are required. For more information, call Carol Kope at 760-726-0533 or Gerri Wilmott at 760-758-9949.

Rosary

A communal Rosary is prayed after every weekday Mass (Monday-Friday) in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. Please join us!



Memorial Item Donations

Memorials are a way of honoring those whom we love, whether they are living or deceased. Often, memorials are made for a special intention or in thanksgiving for a variety of blessings received from God.

Our Parish Campus will be a living memorial. All who help in building it will leave something to the community itself that will be used by generations to come. The good they do is not interred with them, but will remain to share in the divine activity of God here on earth.

Listed below are items still available for adoption.

All contributions will be recognized in a special memorial to be displayed in our Parish Memorial Garden.

For more information or to adopt an item, contact Chris Smith
760-758-4100 x120 or chriss@stmoside.org

Pipe Organ	\$850,000
Memorial Garden	\$500,000
Reflection Garden	\$250,000
Church Doors (Bronze)	\$100,000
Crucifix	\$75,000
St. Thomas More Shrine (Tapestry)	\$75,000
Pew Seating for the Church (1,000) 885 available	\$300/person
Daily Mass Chapel and Choir Chairs (200) 133 available	\$300/each



03/18/14

For more information on our progress, visit our website, stmoside.org, and click on Our New Church.

Stay Up to Date on Construction Activity!

Check the Parish website (www.stmoside.org) to watch live action on our webcams (click on the camera icons) or view the Construction Progress album (click on *Our New Church*).



*Walls are going up!
A view on March 19.*

Liturgy & Music *Worship God*

Douglas Lynn
Director of Liturgy and Music
douglasl@stmoside.org; 760-758-4100 x140

LENT: A CALL TO FAST AND FEAST

Next week, we celebrate Laetare Sunday. We are almost halfway through Lent, and perhaps our initial fervor for keeping a holy Lent is weakening.

At the Easter Vigil, we will hear these words from Ezekiel:

And the Lord said:
I will give you a new heart,
and place a new spirit within you,
taking from your bodies your stony hearts,
and giving you hearts of love.

I will put my spirit within you,
and make you live by my ways,
careful to observe my decrees.

—Ezekiel 36:26-27

During Lent, God calls us to examination, and God also calls us to renewal, certain in the promise of Ezekiel’s vision. At our most recent staff meeting, Sr. Maureen shared the reflection below. It will be a touchstone for the remainder of my Lent. Perhaps it will encourage you in the last weeks of this holy season as well.

- Fast from judging others; feast on the Christ dwelling in them.
- Fast from emphasis on our differences; feast on our oneness.
- Fast from the darkness around us; feast on the light of Christ.
- Fast on thoughts of illness; feast on the healing power of God.
- Fast on words that pollute; feast on words that purify.
- Fast from discontent; feast on gratitude.
- Fast from withholding anger; feast on sharing our feelings.
- Fast from pessimism; feast on optimism.
- Fast from worry; feast on trust.
- Fast from guilt; feast on freedom.
- Fast from complaining; feast on appreciation.
- Fast from stress; feast on self-care.
- Fast from hostility; feast on letting go.
- Fast from bitterness; feast on forgiveness.
- Fast from selfishness; feast on compassion for others.
- Fast from discouragement; feast on seeing the good.
- Fast from apathy; feast on enthusiasm.
- Fast from suspicion; feast on seeing the good.
- Fast from idle gossip; feast on spreading good news.
- Fast from being so busy; feast on quiet silence.
- Fast from problems that overwhelm us; feast on prayerful trust.
- Fast from talking; feast on listening.
- Fast from trying to be in control; feast on letting go.

Loving God, let us fast from anything that leads us away from you, and teach us to feast on all that brings us closer to you. Amen.

—from the National Association of Catholic Chaplains website



John 4:7

Upcoming Music



MARCH 30
4th Sunday of
Lent



5:00pm Mass

Cantor and
Congregation

8:30am Mass

Cantor and
Congregation

10:30am Mass

Praise Team
Sanctuary Choir
Tower Bells

MAY THE LORD GOD
GIVE US HIS GRACE
TO BE WHAT HE
WANTS US TO BE,
WHATEVER THAT IS,
TO DO WHAT HE
WANTS US TO DO
WHATEVER THAT IS, AND
TO BELIEVE WHAT HE
WANTS US TO BELIEVE
WHATEVER THAT MAY BE
LORD HAVE MERCY



Faith Formation

Teach and Live the Gospel

Debbie Fredette
Director of Faith Formation
760-758-4100 x110; debbief@stmoside.org

Children's Faith Formation

High School Youth Group... All Families Are Invited!

Come experience XLT on Monday night, March 24, for Praise and Worship along with an inspiring and engaging message from national speaker Matt Franklin. Event begins at 7:00pm.



In imitation of our Master, we Christians are called to confront the poverty of our brothers and sisters, to touch it, to make it our own and to take practical steps to alleviate it.
—Pope Francis' Lenten Message



Where Can You Get a "Selfie" with the Pope? LA Catholic Congress in Anaheim—That's Where!

This past weekend a group of Parishioners spent time with over 40,000 Catholics listening to over 255 speakers on every topic you can imagine. It literally was "heaven on earth"! Check out the link below to here some of the amazing speakers (or visit the Parish website click on Quick Clicks to access the link).

<http://new.livestream.com/randomhouzproductions/recongress2014/videos>

Adult Faith Formation

Rite of Election for Our RCIA Candidates... Rich, Al, Joe, and Johnny



On March 9, the Rite of Election closed the Period of the Catechumen. At this rite, upon the testimony of the sponsors and catechists, and the catechumens' and candidates' affirmation of their intention to join the Church, the Church made its "election" of the catechumens (not yet baptized) to receive the Sacraments of Initiation and its "call to continuing conversion" for the candidates (already baptized). In the presence of Bishop Flores they inscribed their names in the Book of the Elect as a pledge of their fidelity. The catechumens are now called "the elect" or "the illuminandi" ("those who will be enlightened"), and the candidates are now called "those called to continuing conversion." They will now begin a Period of Purification and Enlightenment—this is the final preparation for the reception of the Sacraments of Initiation. This period will conclude with the celebration of the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil. Please continue to pray for our St. Thomas More Parish candidates who are now "those called to continuing conversion."

Come Join Fr. Karl as he takes us on a Virtual Tour of the Holy Land!

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Christian Stewardship ~ Perseverance

An attitude of gratitude is one of your best allies in developing the will to persevere. As with the previous eight virtues discussed in this series the ability to persevere is strengthened when we are grateful. Gratitude plays a vital role in developing the ability to persevere because any time you are striving to become a better disciple and steward there will be setbacks along the way.

Setbacks can either defeat us or define us. Being grateful for the progress you are making along the way gives you the strength to persevere and continue the journey.

The stewardship lifestyle is very counter cultural. People may question why anyone would choose such a path. This is why perseverance is so important in making stewardship a way of life.

When you choose the path of stewardship, you may struggle at first with the initial changes required of you to become a better steward. It is not always easy to separate yourself from the demands and possessions of this world.

However, by persevering in your stewardship journey you will experience many surprising rewards along the way. "Stewardship is the right thing to do; its rewards can't be kept out!" (Most Rev. Eugene Gerber, Bishop Emeritus of Wichita, Kansas).

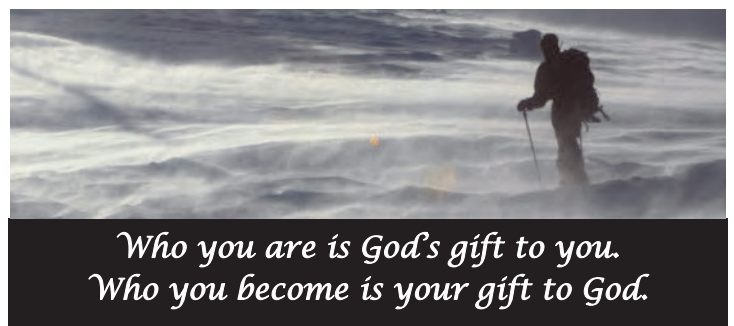
For example, a healthier mind and body is one of the rewards of persevering in stewardship. Our bodies are a gift from God for which we should first and foremost be grateful and of which we should be good stewards. If you have a goal of being in better shape physically, mentally or spiritually reaching that goal will require some perseverance, and discipline.

With every dream of something better there is always some struggle between the dream and the realization of that dream. The formula is always the same: *Dream—Struggle—Victory!* It takes perseverance to get through the struggles and experience victory.

Who you are is God's gift and who you become is your gift to God. Those who become their best, as God intended, rely on the power of the Holy Spirit working in them, "His power at work in us can do far more than we dare ask or imagine." (Ephesians 3:21). They will also have developed the habit of persevering.

God wants to sculpt you into something great and your cooperation is required. Be patient and persevere!

—This article is part nine in a series of 12 reflections on stewardship virtues by ICSC member, Dan Potvin, Director of Stewardship for the Archdiocese of Winnipeg, Canada.,
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News and Information from the Larger Church

Need Health Insurance?—Check with Catholic Charities for help enrolling with Covered California (March 31 is the last day to enroll without penalty). For more information, call 760-631-4792.

MISSIO App for Smart Phones—Connects you to the Pope and his daily messages. Learn more at www.MissioApp.org/bulletin.

Angel's Depot Volunteer Opportunity—Third Monday of each month, 8:15-10:15am, helping the elderly to carry food boxes to their cars. Angel's Depot provides boxes of food to needy elderly. For more information, contact Deacon John Fredette at 760-758-4100 x132 or johnf@stmoside.org.

Monthly Holy Hour for Priestly and Religious Vocations—Third Wednesday of each month (next is April 16), 7:30-9:00pm, Diocesan Pastoral Center, 3888 Paducah Dr., San Diego. For more information, contact Fr. Pedro Rivera at privera@diocesandiego.org or 619-291-7446.

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Catholic Charities Food Resource Center Has Volunteer Opportunities for YOU!—Drivers, Daily Food Packers, Intake Workers, and CalFresh (food stamp) Advocate. For information call Lisa DuMolt at 619-231-2828 x221

Weekly Peaceful Prayer Vigil to End Abortion—Tuesdays, 9:00-10:00am, outside the clinic at 120 Craven Rd., San Marcos. For more information, contact Jane Kelleher at 760-822-7041

Birth Choice Volunteer Counselors Training—Call Heidi at 760-744-1313 for details and to sign up. Birth Choice is a pro-life, Christ-centered pregnancy resource center offering free pregnancy testing, ultrasound, and options counseling for women in crisis. For more information, visit www.birthchoice.net.

Support Group for Separated/Divorced—An ongoing support group meeting Sundays at 10:15am at St. James Catholic Church in Solana Beach. For more information, contact Frank Grant at 760-533-1520 or fwgrant@gmail.com.

The Center for Christian Spirituality at the University of San Diego has a great lineup of events. Visit www.sandiego.edu/ccs.

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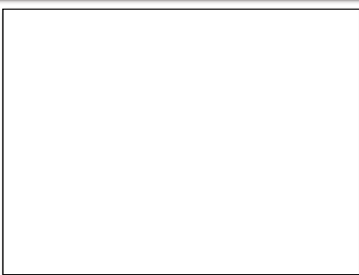
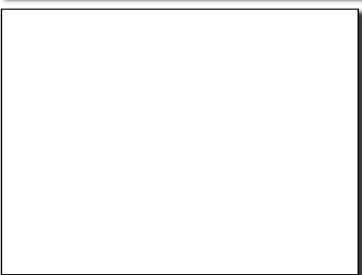


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OR PLAY WHATEVER IS AVAILABLE

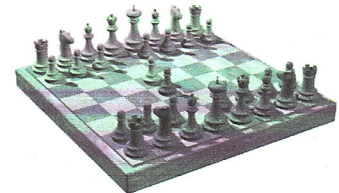
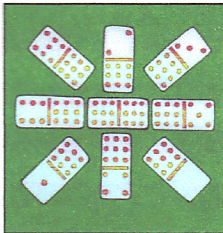
BOARD GAMES

CARDS

DICE

DOMINOES

ETC.



LIGHT LUNCH INCLUDED

DOOR PRIZES

OPPORTUNITY BASKETS

